

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**TRANSMITTAL
FORM**

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

6

Application Number

09/872,776

Filing Date

June 1, 2001

First Named Inventor

Thomas G. Herron

Art Unit

1745

Examiner Name

Mark Ruthkosky

Attorney Docket Number

NPW 308B

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

Fee Transmittal Form



Fee Attached



Amendment/Reply



After Final



Affidavits/declaration(s)



Extension of Time Request



Express Abandonment Request



Information Disclosure Statement



Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

Reply to Missing Parts/
Incomplete ApplicationReply to Missing Parts
under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53

Drawing(s)



Licensing-related Papers



Petition

Petition to Convert to a
Provisional ApplicationPower of Attorney, Revocation
Change of Correspondence Address

Terminal Disclaimer



Request for Refund



CD, Number of CD(s) _____

☐ Landscape Table on CD

After Allowance Communication to TC

Appeal Communication to Board
of Appeals and InterferencesAppeal Communication to TC
(Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)

Proprietary Information



Status Letter

Other Enclosure(s) (please identify
below):*Issue Fee/Publication Fee transmittal (in
duplicate)**Remarks**

The After Allowance Communication is a Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name

Kolisch Hartwell, P.C.

Signature

Printed name

David S. D'Ascenzo

Date

October 12, 2004

Reg. No.

39,952

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:

Signature

Typed or printed name

David S. D'Ascenzo

Date

October 12, 2004

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dated: October 12, 2004

In re Application of:
THOMAS G. HERRON

Serial No. : 09/872,776

Group Art Unit: 1745

Filed : June 1, 2001

Examiner: Mark Ruthkosky

For : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING
FUEL CELL PURGE CYCLES

Mail Stop ISSUE FEE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:


COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant received a Notice of Allowance dated October 5, 2004 for the above-identified patent application. In the Notice, the Examiner allowed claims 1-47. The Examiner also paraphrased the subject matter of some of the allowed claims as part of the stated reasons for allowance. Applicant agrees with the Examiner's conclusion regarding the patentability of the allowed claims, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, Applicant believes that the claims are allowable because the prior art fails to disclose, teach or suggest the subject matter recited in the allowed claims, independent of how the subject matter of one or more of these claims may be paraphrased or otherwise described.

If the Examiner has any questions or wants to discuss this matter in more detail, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

KOLISCH HARTWELL, P.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David S. D'Ascenzo", is written over a horizontal line.

David S. D'Ascenzo
Registration No. 39,952
PTO Customer No. 23581
Kolisch Hartwell, P.C.
520 S.W. Yamhill Street, Suite 200
Portland, Oregon 97204
Telephone: (503) 224-6655
Facsimile: (503) 295-6679